

Hudson-Bergen LRT (MOS-2)

Northern New Jersey

(November 2002)

Description

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is constructing a second Minimum Operable Segment (MOS-2) for the Hudson-Bergen Waterfront Light Rail Transit System (HBLRTS). The MOS-2 extension includes 5.1 miles from Hoboken Terminal to the Tonnelle Avenue Park-and-Ride lot in North Bergen and one mile south from 34th Street to 22nd Street in Bayonne, and seven stations. MOS-2 is anticipated to carry 34,900 average weekday boardings in 2010.

The Hudson-Bergen full rail system is approximately 20.1-mile long, 30-station, at-grade LRT line from the Vince Lombardi Park-and-Ride lot in Bergen County to Bayonne. The system will pass through Port Imperial in Weehawken, Hoboken and Jersey City. The outer ends will provide 8,800 park-and-ride spaces. The core of the system will serve the high-density commercial and residential centers in Jersey City and Hoboken and connect to ferries, PATH and NJ TRANSIT commuter rail lines. The proposed 20.1-mile system is expected to cost over \$2 billion and carry 94,500 riders per day.

The total cost of MOS-2 under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$1,215.40 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share for the project is \$500 million.

Status

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the full Hudson-Bergen Waterfront LRT was issued in August 1996. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed on a re-alignment and was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in August 1998. FTA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on the EA in June 1999.

In November 2000, FTA executed an FFGA with NJ TRANSIT supporting the 6.1-mile extension with a Revenue Operations Date scheduled in 2005. MOS-2, like the completed initial Minimum Operable Segment (MOS-1), is a design/build/operate/maintain project (DBOM). Construction on MOS-2 began in September 2000 under a Letter of No Prejudice. Local financing through the State of New Jersey and is currently 35 percent complete.

The first Federal payment under the FFGA is scheduled for FY 2003.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
Federal: Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$500.00	No funds appropriated through FY 2002
Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds	\$153.70	
State: New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund	\$530.40	
Port Authority of NY & NJ and Utility Reimbursements	\$31.30	
TOTAL	\$1,215.40	

NOTE: Total may not add due to rounding.

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